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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

It is with honor that I write this letter in support of the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application for multi-modal connections to Kansas City's Berkley Riverfront. As a member of City Council and Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, investment in the City's transit and infrastructure that adds a commuter interface and connects constituents to businesses, jobs and recreational opportunities increases the rate and value of economic development.

KC•CORE is a superb example of local government teamwork operating at a peak level with the Kansas City Streetcar Authority (KCSA), Port Authority of Kansas City, MO (Port KC), the City of Kansas City, Missouri (the City) and the grant Applicant – the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA / RideKC) teaming up to provide direct financial support to deliver this highly anticipated, three-quarter-mile extension of the KC Streetcar by 2021. Port KC continues to partner with private developers who are building projects on the Berkley Riverfront and have willingly included large, seven-figure construction-triggered lump sum payments in their development agreements to supplement the local agencies' funding.

KC•CORE supports the long-term national goals that have been established by the BUILD Grant program and the call for Public Private Partnerships (P3). This project is an ideal candidate to earn the privilege of becoming a part of this vital national infrastructure program.

Thank you for your consideration application. If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact my office directly at (816) 513-6513.

Yours In Service,

Jermaine Reed
Member of the City Council - 3rd District